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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed May 25, 2004 and the telephone communications with the Examiner of May 18, 2004 and July 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.